

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES**

DOCKET NO. 2014-363-C

**Application of Talk America Services, LLC**

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (Windstream), Intellifiber Networks, Inc. (CLEC/LD), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC (CLEC/LD), Network Telephone Corp. (CLEC/LD), PAETEC Communications, Inc. (LD), Talk America, Inc. (CLEC/LD), The Other Phone Company (CLEC/LD), US LEC of South Carolina, LLC (CLEC/LD), Windstream Communications, Inc. (CLEC/LD), Windstream KDL, Inc. (CLEC/LD), Windstream NTI, Inc. (CLEC/LD), Windstream NuVox, Inc. (CLEC/LD); (the CLEC/LD Companies collectively, the WIN Companies); Communications Sales and Leasing, Inc. (CSL); and Talk America Services, LLC (TAI) (Windstream, the WIN Companies, CSL, and TAI collectively, the "Applicants") have filed an Application for Certification of Talk America Services, LLC and for Approval of Transfer of Residential CLEC/LD Customers to Talk America Services, LLC with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission"). The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-9-310, 58-9-280, and 58-3-230. The Application states that the Applicants request the certification of TAI, a subsidiary of CSL, to operate as a competitive local exchange and long distance carrier in those areas of the state of South Carolina where the WIN Companies are currently authorized and approval of the transfer of residential local and long distance customers of the WIN Companies to TAI. Further, the Applicants request a waiver of any applicable requirements of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-230 regarding the transfer of customers from the WIN Companies to TAI.

According to the Application, upon regulatory commission authorization of TAI, and following notice to the customers, the residential local and long distance customers of the WIN Companies will be transferred to TAI; the WIN Companies will retain all of their business customers. The Application cites the following benefits that will result if the Application is approved: the structure will enhance the Applicants' efforts to provide high-quality services to their residential and business customers; the Applicants will be better positioned to meet the growing needs of local exchange and long distance customers; and the rates, terms, and conditions of service provided to the transferred residential customers will not change as a result of the transfer to TAI.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2014-363-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Burnet R. Maybank, III, Esquire, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, 1230 Main Street, Suite 700, Columbia, SC 29201.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Monday, November 17, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, before a Hearing Examiner in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **October 13, 2014**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-363-C and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **October 13, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-363-C.***

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):**

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **10/6/2014**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **10/20/2014**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **10/27/2014**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **11/3/2014**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under **Docket No. 2014-363-C**.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and **Docket No. 2014-363-C**.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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